PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Application Number 10/574,152

Eiling Date

	IRANSIIIIIAL		Filing Date	Mar 29, 20	06	!
	FORM		First Named Inventor	lwao Ushir	nohama	
			Art Unit	2629		
/4-	be used for all correspondence after initial	£!!\	Examiner Name			
· · · · ·	al Number of Pages in This Submission	miriy)	Attorney Docket Number	075834.00	566	
		ENC	CLOSURES (Check all	that apply)	
	Fee Transmittal Form		Drawing(s)			After Allowance Communication to TC
	Fee Attached		Licensing-related Papers			Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
	Amendment/Reply After Final Affidavits/declaration(s) Extension of Time Request Express Abandonment Request Information Disclosure Statement		Petition Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocatio Change of Correspondence A Terminal Disclaimer Request for Refund CD, Number of CD(s)		1	Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Proprietary Information Status Letter Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify below): n PTO/SB/08A, cited references, and a card.
			Landscape Table on CI)		

Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53			The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.			
		SIGNA	TURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm N	lame	Rockey, Depke, Lyons &	Kitzinger, LLC			
Signat	ture	1//				
Printed	d name	Robert J. Depke				
Date		5/16	Reg. No. 37,607			

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with

sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commiscioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature

Robert J. Depke Typed or printed name

Date

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



Applicants:

Iwao Ushinohama

Atty. Docket No.: 075834.00566

Serial No.:

10/574,152

Group Art Unit: 2629

Filed:

March 29, 2006

Examiner:

Invention:

LIQUID EMITTING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Customer No.: 33448

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98, Applicants and the undersigned attorney hereby submit a legible copy of each reference listed on the accompanying forms PTO/SB/08A.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)

Applicants hereby certify, as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1) and §1.97(e), that each reference identified in this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the date on which the reference was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and thus no fee is required for consideration thereof. A copy of the communication from the foreign patent office is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The undersigned also points out that the submission of each reference is neither a concession, nor an admission, that the reference qualifies as prior art for this application under the patent laws of the United States. Applicants reserve the right to challenge the status of any such document that the office determines to be prior art.

Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge any required fee to the deposit account of Rockey, Depke, Lyons & Kitzinger, LLC, Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

Date

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Depke, (Reg. 37,607)

ROCKEY, DEPKE, LYONS & KITZINGER, LLC.

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 5450

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Tel: (312) 277-2006 Fax: (312) 441-0570

Attorneys for Applicants

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

and to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 2

Complete if Known						
Application Number	10/574,152					
Filing Date	March 29, 2006					
First Named Inventor	Iwao Ushinohama					
Group Art Unit	2629					
Examiner Name						
Attorney Docket Number	075834.00566					

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Paten Number	Kind Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
	US1							
	US2							
	US3							
	US4							
	US5							
	US6							
	US7		T T					
	US8							
	US9							
	US10	_						
	US11							
	US12			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
	US13							
	US14							
	US15							
	US16		1 1					
	US17							
	US18							
	US19		<u> </u>					
-	US20	-		· "				

				FOR	EIGN PATENT DOCUMEN	TS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Office ³	Foreign Patent Docu Number ⁴	ment Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τ ⁶
	F1	JP	2004-136628		Sony Corp	05/13/2004		\Box
	F2	JP	2004-188956		Sony Corp	07/08/2004		
	F3	JР	2004-262102		Sony Corp	09/24/2004		
	F4	JP	2004-160849		Sony Corp	06/10/2004		
	F5	JP	2006-082564		Sony Corp	03/30/2006		$oldsymbol{ol}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}$
	F6	JP	2006-082565		Sony Corp	03/30/2006		
	F7	JP	2004-001364		Sony Corp	01/08/2004		
	F8	JP	2004-188830		Sony Corp	07/08/2004		
	F9	JP	2004-268307		Sony Corp	09/30/2004		
	F10	ΙP	2004-311725		Sony Corp	11/04/2004		

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. 2 See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

er the Paperwo	ork Reduction Act of 1	995, n	o persons are required to re	spond to a collection of informatio	n unless it contains a valid OMB control number.	
Substitu	te for form 1449A/PT()		Complete if Known		
				Application Number	10/574,152	
INFO	DRMATION	DIS	SCLOSURE	Filing Date	March 29, 2006	
STA	TEMENT B	YA	PPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Iwao Ushinohama	
				Group Art Unit	2629	
	(use as many she	ets as	necessary)	Examiner Name		
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	075834 00566	

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS									
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Paten	Kind Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear				
	US1									
	US2									
	US3									
	US4									
	US5									
	US6									
	US7									
	US8	-								
	US9									
	US10			725. 12						
	USII									
	US12									
	US13									
	US14									
	US15									
	US16		*							
	US17									
	US18									
	US19									
	US20									

				FOR	EIGN PATENT DOCUMENT	rs		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Kind Code ⁵ Office ³ Number ⁴ (if known)		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τę	
	Fl	JP	2005-001346		Sony Corp	01/06/2005		
	F2	JP	2005-007664		Sony Corp	01/13/2005		
	F3	JP	2005-007723		Sony Corp	01/13/2005		
	F4	JP	2005-014465		Sony Corp	01/20/2005		
	F5	JP	2005-022156		Sony Corp	01/27/2005		
	F6	IP	2005-059443		Sony Corp	03/10/2005		
	F7	ĴР	2006-069225		Sony Corp	03/16/2006		
	F8	wd			Sony Corp	03/17/2004		
	F9							
	F10		**					

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. 2 See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.